ROOTS

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a zine about a boy... no. 1

Emiliano

my beautiful, smart, sweet boy. Twenty months old and already I've forgotten what life was like before you. This is a zine about a boy - his world, his roots and his wings. ♥

roots & wings #1

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no. 1 : smoothies (aka "oo-ees")

*E does not love the sound of the blender!

"baba" butt's recipe

- ☐ whole milk
- ☐ orange juice (no pulp, please!)
- ☐ one frozen banana
- ☐ fruit (duh!) whatever you've got. E prefers blueberries, strawberries, and peaches.

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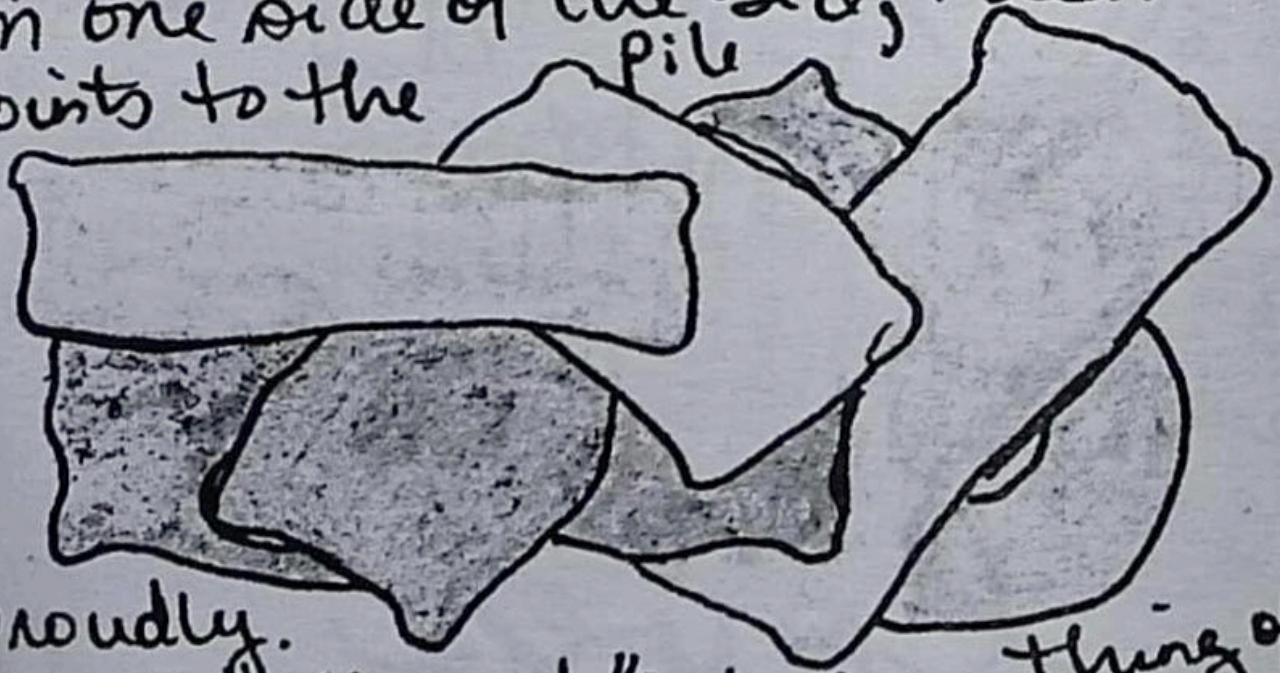
no. 2 : making pillow piles!

yes, this is exactly what you think it is – a pile of pillows! We have seven pillows plus a Boppy (nursing pillow) on our bed and surrounding the bed. E takes much pleasure in climbing on the bed and clearing it of pillows. He piles all the pillows on one side of the bed, then points to the pile

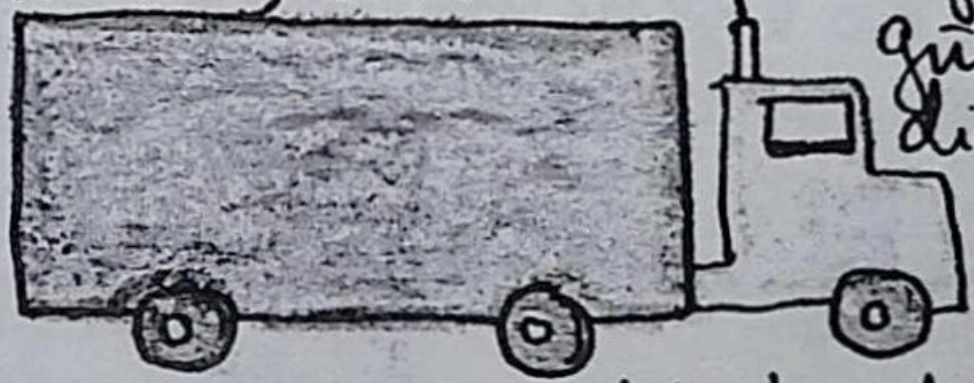


proudly.

3) The "pillow pile" is, truly, a thing of beauty!

No. 3 : trucks!! & No. 4: wheels!!

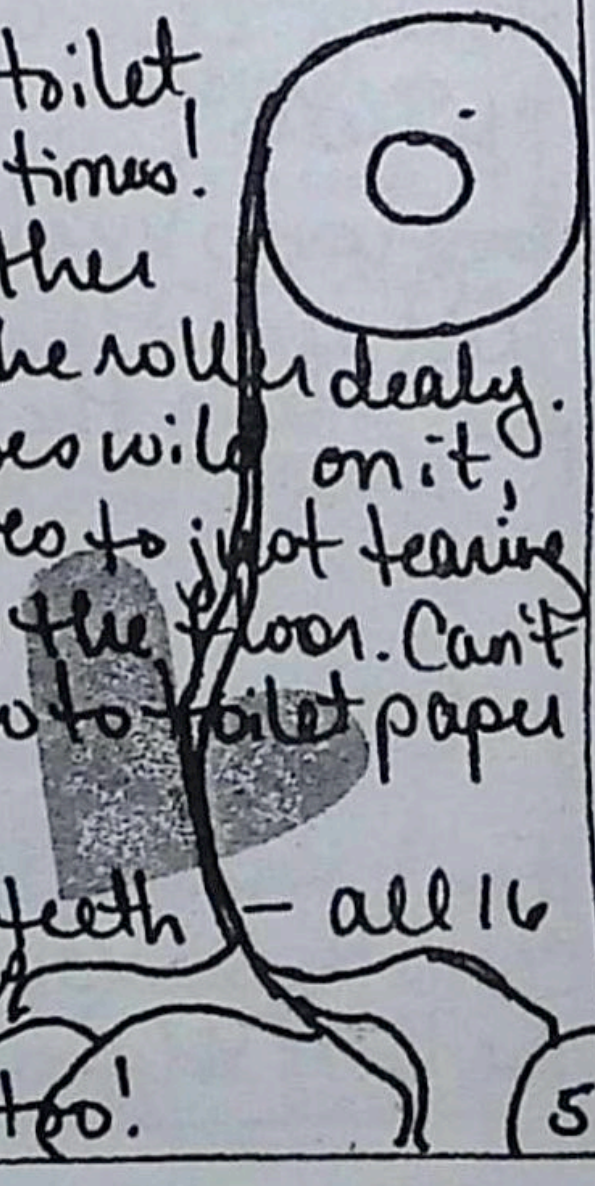
One morning, out of the blue, I asked Emiliano if he'd had any dreams. He responded with, "trucks!" I asked him if he dreamt of anything else, and he responded, "wheels!" So, there you go. The boy loves his trucks and his wheels. Lest you think we're all about promoting the whole boys ♡ trucks/ guts ♡ dolls dichotomy- not so!



We really don't know where the truck obsession came from. But if he loves them, we love them!

no. 5: ñeñe = nursing. or it might mean "leche" because we always called nursing / breast milk "leche" (versus cow "milk"). Whatever it means, he still loves it!

no. 6: Pulling all the toilet paper off the roll. Fun times! Sometimes we don't bother putting a new roll on the roller dealy. When we do and he goes wild on it, we've resigned ourselves to just tearing pieces from the pile on the floor. Can't wait to teach him how to toilet paper a house!

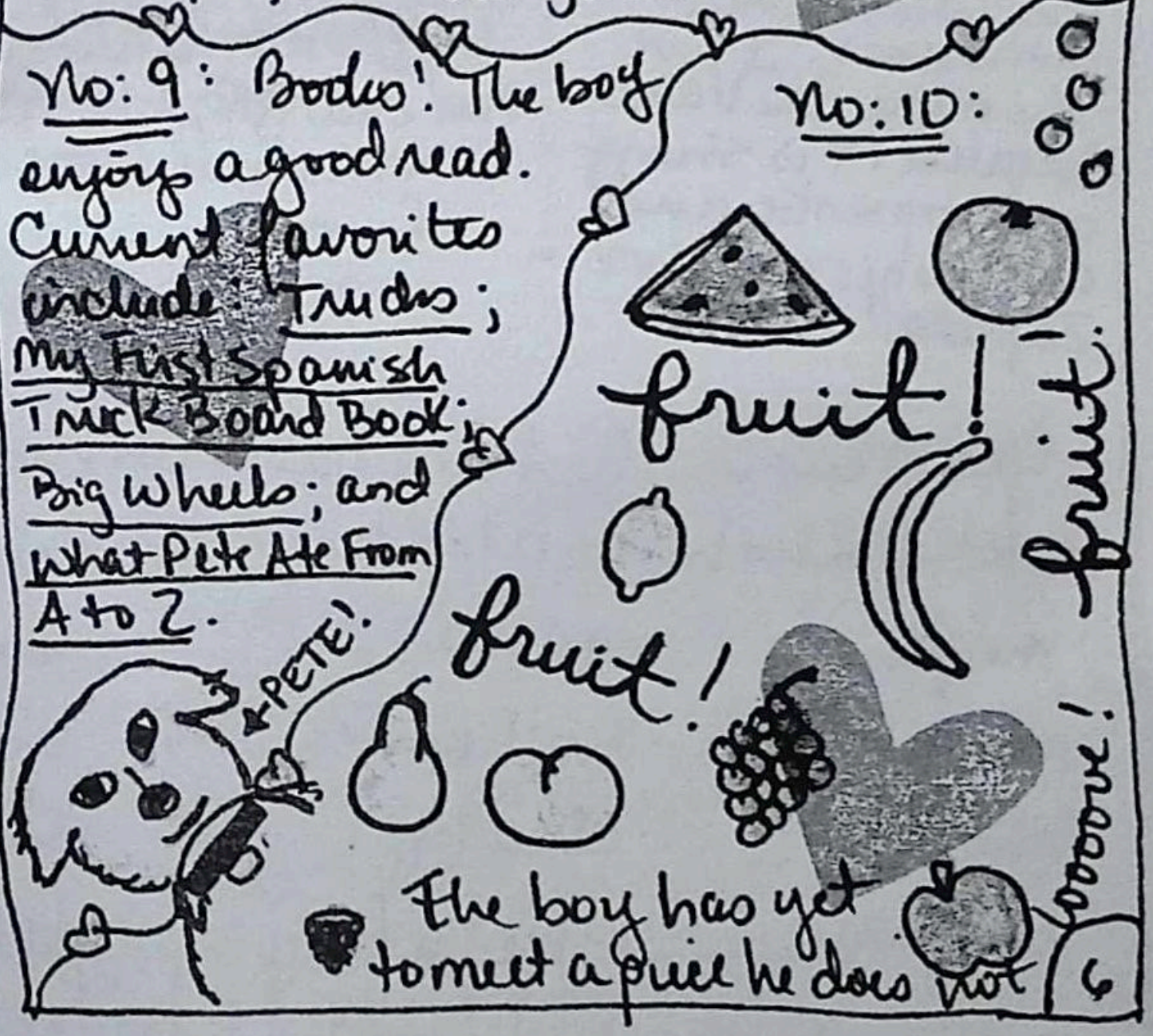


no. 7: Brushing his teeth - all 16 of 'em! And sometimes he brushes other things too!

No. 8: In addition to creating pillow piles, other beloved bed activities include taking flying leaps onto the bed, stomping around in circles as if in a mosh pit, and "Ring Around the Rosies."

No: 9: Bodus! The boy enjoys a good read. Current favorites include: Trucks; My First Spanish Truck Board Book; Big Wheels; and What Pete Ate From A to Z.

No: 10:



The boy has yet to meet a fruit he does not

emiliano

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originally we were thinking "Milo," but I wanted something my parents could pronounce. I love the name Emiliano because it is strong and romantic and old-fashioned. Viva Zapata!

gael

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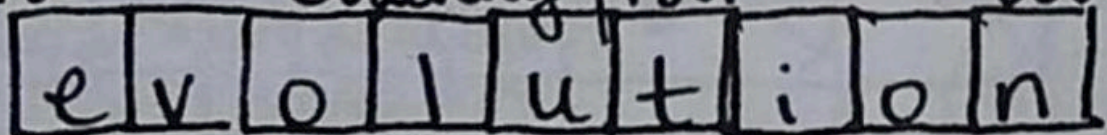
No, he wasn't named <u>for</u> the beautiful Mexican actor Gael Garcia Bernal. Though it <u>is</u> where the name comes from.

Yes, this is <u>the</u> full name on his bi
But folks have also been known t

- miyano
- miliano
- milo
- emiyano
- yano
- Emiliano Zapata
- chunky
- chunky fish
- bubb
- boob
- chac
- love



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I kept my maiden name when I got married. Perez is also my mother's maiden name and it's my father's last name!

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Brett's last name of German? Polish? origin.

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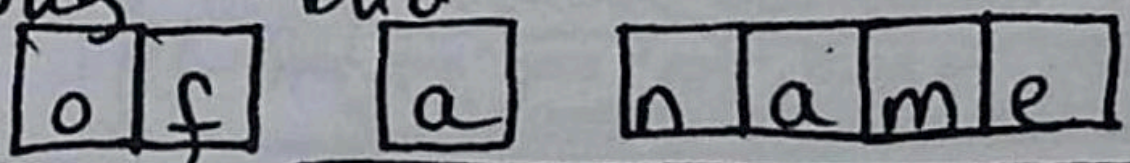
o call him ...
- boss
- Ribo Mogee
- sweet boy
- emilio (yeesh!)
- naughty
- emanuel (come on!)
- Fluffy Ruffles
- Al Pacino eyes
- bud



VOCAB

mama · baba · up (which means up, down, open, off, etc.) truck · garbage truck · tow truck · big · contact · that · wheel · smoothie ("oo-ee") · agua · dump truck · police tow truck · juice · tape · hot sauce · rojo ("oh") · black · blue · orange · amarillo ("ee-o") · verde · baby · purple ("burble") · wheels · teeth ("eet") · apple · ñeñe · quesadilla · ball · shoes · roll · oh-oh · wow · cheese · leaves ·

{at 11 mths. he said "dog" and "ruff, ruff, ruff" but he never repeated it again.}

oops! i goofed up on the page order, so this entry actually begins on page 11 (read that first!) ← EDITOR'S NOTE!

mmmmm (boy ♡ his bread!)

*miso soup
*udon
*grits
*polenta
*falafel
*seitan

not the same thing!

avocado maki (wrapped in seaweed!)

& asparagus maki too!

French fries with curry ketchup

guacamole, arriba!

Ethiopian food... with his hardo, of course!

risotto with shiitake mushrooms

yes!

asiago and black pepper brioche

ooh lala!

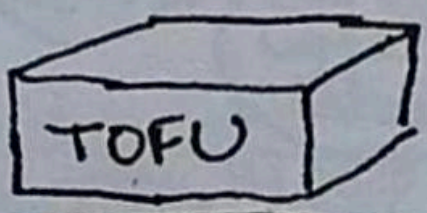
what is it?

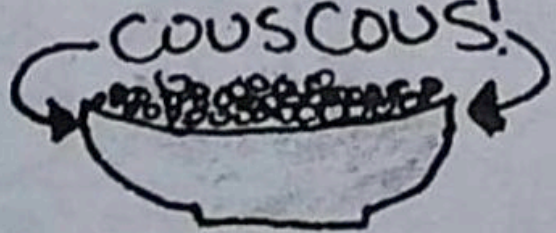
melon

carrot cake ♥

vegan chocolate mousse cake ♥

So far, Emiliano is what would be considered a "good eater." He eats pretty much everything we give him, and we try to expose him to as many different foods and flavors as possible (except for peanuts! Those are a no-no for another few years.) I started keeping track of all the things E has eaten in his short, new life that I didn't eat until I was well into my twenties (or so)! Like...





One nickname I recently gave E and neglected to list in the "Centerfold" is "the Norm of Cold Comfort!" When he was about four months old we took him to breakfast at a restaurant called the Cold Comfort Cafe in Wicker Park. One of the bussers, a woman named Betty, really took a liking to him. So much so that she held him and walked him around so that we could eat our breakfast. Now, at 20 months, everyone who works there - cooks, bussers, waiters - know and love him. As soon as we walk in we hear the kitchen staff calling out his name - Hey, it's Emiliano! The skater dude waiter with the gnarly beard plays peek-a-boo behind the counter for his amusement. Betty makes him

special pancakes shaped like teddy bear heads. Even the really serious man who busses tables has warmed up to him and brings him his own cup of water with a lid and straw which makes E feel like a big boy.

He is so cool and charming that people can't help being drawn to him. And, of course, I'm not just saying that because he's my boy. I hope his life is always filled with joy and love, given and received.

Things I Do To Amuse Me, or

Play "Ring Around the Rosies" on the bed.

Run down the street at full speed with a green sad looking Trader Joe's balloon trailing.

Futilely try to erase current Pluto in chalk drawing.

Chase the garbage trucks that drive through our alley from the back of our apartment to the front.

Hang out at construction sites & not looking for dudes.

Yeah, you say you won't but you will.

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